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Parish Council

Parish Council News

With the latest easing of coronavirus regulations, remote working provision for council meetings has not been extended by the Government, so the Parish Council is preparing to return to face-to-face public meetings again from June onwards.

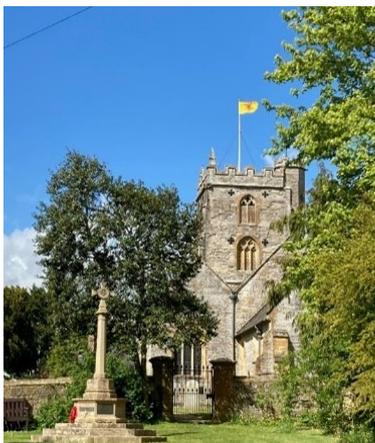
We are looking into temporary Covid-secure meeting facilities, until the Village Hall is ready to reopen and, initially, meetings are likely to be shorter, focussed on financial decisions and major planning applications. Other matters will continue to be covered by the Emergency Operating Procedure put in place in March 2020 and correspondence, with Zoom working groups where required, until further advice is received.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 29th April, via Zoom, with reports from our local organisations, which will be made available on the Parish website with the latest minutes. Reverend Matt Cottington was welcomed to his first meeting along with other members of the local community, by Chair, Kate Beacham; special thanks were given to all the volunteers who throughout the pandemic had pulled the community together and supported one another with many acts of kindness.

County Councillor Paul's annual report summed up how difficult, but also how exceptional the past twelve months have been, with highlights of how the county has worked together to support its residents. You can find this in Parish News on our website - <https://fivehead-village.org.uk/county-councillors-annual-parish-meeting-briefing/>

Since the Government's public consultation into changing the way local councils work in Somerset ended on 19th April, our District Council leaders have written to the Secretary of State to ask for the result of the local poll to be considered as part of the decision-making process, so we hope you will take the opportunity to have your say on the options being considered to replace the existing county and district councils in Somerset (by 5 June).

Whilst progress on some parish initiatives has been slowed by lockdowns, we have recently been able to complete the Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance, including removal of accumulated cemetery soil, rotavating and re-seeding areas. An assessment of the repairs needed to the church wall has been made and we will be looking into costing this section by section. However, due to the limited availability of local stonemasons at this time, it is likely that this work, and the repair/restoration work on the Pound, will take place in Spring 2022.



Work continues on the refurbishment of Fivehead's telephone box, with a new volunteer helping to fit shelving for the book exchange. The final stages of registering the Council's ownership of the grassed area on Langford Corner with the Land Registry are also being completed.

On 11th May, we were proud to join in the celebrations for Somerset Day with the help of St Martins Church to fly a county flag, donated by a Fivehead resident. The 'Fly a Flag for Somerset' campaign was organised by the Somerset Day Community Interest Company as a safe way for everyone to celebrate Somerset as a place to live, work, play and learn.

For further details and 2022 events, please visit www.somersetday.com

Hopefully, it won't be long before our village groups and activities will be starting up again. As the weather gets warmer and drier, why not take the opportunity to enjoy some of our circular walks. Full details of the seven routes can be found on the Parish website under About the Parish – Parish Walks.

We wish you all continuing good health.

Jayne Parsons

Parish Clerk

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Parish Council - other news

Your village needs you...



As this year's national litter campaign gets underway, we wanted to say a big thank you to our local volunteers, led by our Parish Litter Champion, Viv Fouracre, who work tirelessly all year round to try to keep our Parish litter free.

Viv has set up a public Facebook group, Levels Litterpickers, to link up individuals in our villages to tackle the growing litter issue.

Sadly, the litter issue seems to have got a lot worse since the pandemic. Viv says that all the historic litter has been cleared from the Parish, so what we are seeing now is new litter, virtually all thrown from vehicles. The group has worked along the A378 from Thornfalcon to Curry Rivel, mostly on Sundays, but unfortunately this is being littered again. Seven people removed over 160 bags from the surrounding area.

Our District Council is very supportive, delivering bags and litter pickers, and quickly collects up the results of the group's labours. The charity, CPRE, is also helping to promote the issue and give out free litter picking kits.

So, if you are a regular walker, and willing to carry a bag to collect any litter you see whilst out and about, your help would be really appreciated. More hands on the job are very much needed, as there seems to be very little we can do to stop this happening, as litterers are rarely seen and caught in the act!

Why not join Viv and the Levels Litterpickers on Facebook and help this group really make a difference in 2021?

Photos: Levels Litterpickers at work, with help from Warren's Windows to give our village signs a 'free' Spring clean!



New 'Village Volunteers' page

We know there is a lot of interest in volunteer roles, so we have set up a new 'Village Volunteers' page on the Parish website for local groups and organisations to advertise their volunteer vacancies. We are also promoting this via our social media pages (Facebook and Nextdoor).

We can post adverts for short-term, specific events or for more permanent roles. As this is new, do let us know what else you might like to see on this page to help promote local volunteering.

Please contact Pip Brett with any suggestions or roles to advertise - pipbrett@me.com

Fivehead Playing Field News

As Covid restrictions continue to be lifted we hope for a swift return to normality. Meanwhile we encourage you all to make the most of the playing field for things like tennis, basketball or a go on the swings!

New fence for children's playground

The new fence surrounding the children's play area was installed recently. It is a good, strong and secure wooden replacement for the original fence which was 25 years old and rotting. We are very pleased, and grateful to the Fivehead Parish Council and the Somerset District council's Community Grant Scheme for their generous financial assistance towards the £2,600 cost.

Football Games

The ban on team sports forced the local football league to cancel all remaining league fixtures. When the restrictions started to lift, a "Covid Cup" was introduced and Fivehead FC have produced some good results.

Football dugouts

The District Council has granted planning permission for the two dugouts to be built beside the football pitch near the stile. Football team members intend to do the work during the summer break, and also move the pitch slightly left to widen the margin along the western edge.

Village Volunteers

As we are a registered charity, not a facility provided by the District council, we are always looking for one or two volunteers to join our committee, or even just as helpers for occasional jobs on the playing field. I have now put a message on the new "Village Volunteers" page of the parish website, so do have a look and find out more about how you can join our friendly group.

Frank Doggett,

Forsey and Son

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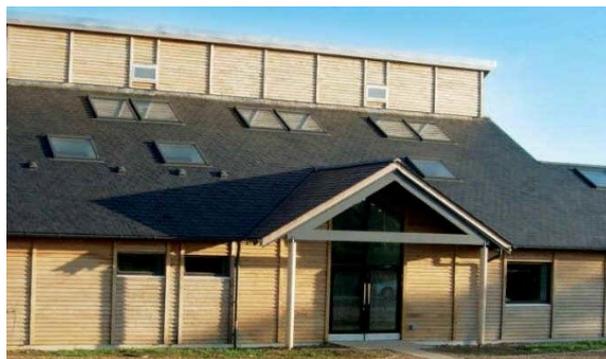
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Village Hall Management Committee

The View from the Village Hall



The Hall management committee relay their deepest sympathy to the respected Treasurer & Booking secretary Richard following his terribly sad loss.

Again this month we have little to report other than we have welcomed back **Dragonfly Dance Group**. By the time this goes to print we will have held our first actual committee meeting as opposed to zoom meetings.

If all goes to plan we hope to reopen as usual to all from **21st. June**, so by the next issue we should be able to inform you of our fund raising schedule of events and other activities taking place.

As you can imagine recent times have been very stressful, and to give you some idea of what I mean here is a personal anecdote from our Secretary.

“Police last week arrested 2 men trespassing on the playing field. After searching them they found battery acid & Fireworks. They charged one and let the other off “

Keep safe

Kevin Stevens Chairman.

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100 Club Winners

April 2021			May 2021		
No. 85	J. Mahoney	£50	No. 17	J & M. Rose	£50
No. 93	D. Cameron	£25	No. 78	K & L. Beacham	£25
No. 108	P & M. Brett	£15	No. 81	J & S. Morling	£15
No. 31	S. Allington	£10	No. 95	R. Burge	£10

Fivehead Short Mat Bowls

I'm hoping that the Government road map is on route! With this in mind, I would like to restart Short Mat Bowls at the Village Hall on **Monday 5th July**. We meet at **7:30pm - 9:30pm**.

Until anything is clear I would recommend members bring their own refreshments. We welcome new members. Try something new and different.

Any questions call **Heather 01460 281995**

Fivehead History

From the jottings of Ella Louch

My childhood memories of **The Fivehead Male Friendly Society** which was formed in 1865 to help its members in cases of ill health as there was no NHS to rely on.

I was a small child when I first became aware of the club and its activities. The club started long before I was born and a picture was taken in around 1902 when my **Grandfather**

Joseph Louch and his brothers were club members, as were many relatives in those days. I am unsure of the amount of the Club contribution for members, probably a shilling (5p today) per month. The money was used to help members families in

times of sickness and funeral expenses for his widow or next of kin. The Treasurer was **Mr. Edward Grindley** who then lived at the **Old Vicarage** opposite the Church. The President was **Mr. Francis Meade** of Langport who owned a large grocery stores and he would arrive on **Club Morning (Ascension Day or the last Thursday in May)** in a horse drawn carriage. He was succeeded as President by **Mr. W.A.K. Matterson of Langford Manor**. Club Day became a day when the whole village joined in the fun requiring great preparations beginning the day before, when the Fun Fair began to arrive from **Weymouth** provided by **Richard Townsend & Sons** bringing their equipment on huge trailers pulled by enormous Fairground engines and set up in **Doctors Ground** (which is the field behind the Old Vicarage) and they entered by way of the lane where the phone box now stands. Adjoining the field was the **Lambert Hut** so convenient for serving tea & refreshments. In the evening my uncle would arrive on his bicycle to help prepare the **President's Chair**, it had a very high back and was well decorated with huge red peonies, golden chain (Laburnum) and any other flowers or greenery available.



My job was to shine the brasses on the club poles for various relatives. On Club Day each member carried a long black pole on the top of which was a brass ball with a bird on top. The Fivehead one was a brass dove and was meant to represent the Dove which Noah sent from the Ark. After many years of wear and handing down from father to son, only one member managed to still have the small olive branch in the dove's mouth, a fact of which he was very proud. A long piece of blue ribbon was tied around the pole making a bow and streamers and each member wore a blue rosette on his hat made of similar ribbon and a buttonhole of a garden flower.

Club members came from surrounding villages, Curry Rivel had their own club; they had red ribbon and the brass was much plainer than the Fivehead one, and their Club Day was usually arranged for the Tuesday before ours for the convenience of the fairground people to save travelling expenses.

At about 6 o'clock in the morning **Mr Walter Stodgell** who was deaf & dumb would be seen accompanied by several children erecting the flag on the Church tower and soon the pealing of the church bells could be heard.

Aunts, uncles & cousins arrived from miles around, and a never miss was my Grandfather's brother **George** who arrived in a huge taxi from **Over Stratton** with his family. Gran and the girls would have been busy all the day before boiling hams and making gooseberry tarts, always the first gooseberries of the season were picked for club day and eaten with lovely cream from a local farm and enjoyed by all the family.

At about 10 o'clock on Club Morning members would be arriving looking very smart in their Sunday Best clothes and carrying their club poles. A few would leave their bicycles at our house and there was often a sixpence for the little one - ME.

More next time on the activities of the day

Save Our Crown Update

Save Our Crown – May update

For those of you who are new to SOC, here are a few details. As the name suggests – Save Our Crown, is a community group set up to purchase The Crown as a community project, to ensure that we continue to have our pub in Fivehead.

The proposal is to continue providing a venue for all the activities that the pub has been successfully offering over many years – for example: skittles, darts, Drama Society, Golf Society etc. The questionnaire that we carried out last year, asking you, the residents of Fivehead and the surrounding villages, showed very strongly that you believe that having a pub in the village is vital to village life. Save Our Crown will aim to provide the facilities that you mentioned in the survey, like real ales, good food, clubs and societies, facilities for walkers and cyclists, theme nights, live music. This will be The Community Village Pub and your input & views are vital to the success of the venture.

While we would very much like to be able to present a “Road Map”, at this stage we can only give you an outline of the progress so far & what the next steps will be.

- The paperwork has been sent in to register the “CBS” Community Benefit Society, the legal entity registered at Companies House and FCA approved. We are expecting to hear that registration has been completed by the time of the publication of this newsletter.
- The Plunkett Foundation have awarded SOC an initial bursary towards a business report & survey & setting up costs.
- We have the wholehearted support of our local MP, David Warburton, who is fully behind our aims and has said that he will be one of the first people in for a pint when we open!
- In order to show our keen interest in purchasing The Crown, a viewing was carried out by 3 members of SOC. This was positively received by the present landlords.
- Cllr Pip Brett attended a webinar hosted by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Plunkett Foundation, looking at how Parish Councils can support community businesses. It was most informative, with speakers from community owned pubs that had been well supported by their Parish Councils throughout their set up process.
- The Parish Council registered The Crown as an ACV (Asset of Community Value). This is in place for 5 years. The 6-month moratorium period (preventing sale to a 3rd party for alternative uses) is over & will be renewed after 18 months. The owner is now free to sell to whomever they choose, including, of course, the SOC.

<https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-plan-and-strategies/communities/localism-and-community-rights/community-right-to-bid/>

Next stages are to officially open a bank account and begin the task of raising the funds, commissioning a professional survey, valuation & business report of The Crown Inn & agreeing on a purchase price. The Government’s Community Ownership Fund, of up to £250k matched funding, is keenly awaited as this is aimed at community businesses like ours! Share documents will be drawn up for all of you who are interested in purchasing shares. As stated in the last newsletter, there is the possibility of Social Investment Tax Relief (SITR), which can mean that the investor can claim 30% income tax relief on the amount invested.

We hope that, with the lifting of lockdown restrictions, we will soon be able to hold an open village meeting to welcome many more members & to further discuss all these matters & to get closer to establishing our own Community Pub in Fivehead! It is important that all of you feel part of this process, SOC is for the community.

Save Our Crown

www.fivehead.org.uk

THE BRISTOL HIPPODROME 100 YEARS



Charity Theatre Trips for 2021

There is nothing further to report from last issue, but I hope to be able to bring more detailed news in the next issue.

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British Red Cross

The British Red Cross has rescheduled its fund raising week to the last week in June this year. With so many new houses we need more collectors, both house to house or in the car parks. There is no qualification needed except the ability to smile.

We will also have stalls on the field for the Somerton Fun Day on Sunday 4th July so please support us then.

Finally a thank you if who bought my book. £300 has been donated to the Red Cross this month. I still have copies available at £12.

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Scott's Spot – June 2021

Helpful words from the pandemic

After more than a year of this pandemic, which has been hard for all and tragic for so very many, I have been thinking about some of the new terms we have become used to. I think they can help us frame our understanding of the Christian faith in current language and I hope you find the following helpful:

We begin with **VIRUS**. If we are honest about ourselves, we know we are all infected with a tendency to behave in selfish ways that hurt ourselves and others. If left unchecked, it can make us extremely sick. The Bible calls this 'sin'.

Sin puts us into **LOCKDOWN**. It limits our freedom to be our best and to fully enjoy God's world.

It also creates **SOCIAL DISTANCE** from God our Creator – our impure motives push us away from his pure and perfect goodness and prevent us from getting close to Him.

We cannot sort this out ourselves. Just as we couldn't create a **VACCINE** for Covid-19 in our own kitchens, we need a specialist – someone with the right qualities and qualifications to create one. Jesus, both fully human and fully God, was completely unique and the only person qualified to fight the 'sin virus' on our behalf. He created the vaccine we all need through His Good Friday death and Easter morning resurrection.

But he will not force this vaccine on us. Rather like the NHS or our doctors' surgery, Jesus offers an **INVITATION** and it is up to us to accept the offered gift.

When we do accept it his power moves into us, just as a vaccine enters our bodies and creates **ANTIBODIES** to fight off the virus.

This doesn't, however, give us **IMMUNITY** to sin (we will still stuff up, make mistakes and hurt people from time to time) nor will it shield us from the brokenness of the world around us (Christians will experience life's challenges just as everyone does), but it makes us a whole lot stronger and it means that Lockdown and Social Distancing can come to an end. Having Jesus' power within us is called the Holy Spirit, and a bit like those antibodies He works within us for our good, our protection and our healing.

Jesus is the solution to the pandemic of our hearts. In the Bible, Peter the Apostle, puts it well: **'For Christ died for sin once for all, the righteous (Jesus) for the unrighteous (us), in order to bring you to God.'** (1 Peter chapter 3 verse 18)

With prayer for us all as we begin to emerge blinking into our post-lockdown world.

Revd. Scott.

The United Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead & Swell

Please note The services listed here are dependent on the current local and national Covid situation, and are therefore liable to change or cancellation.
To receive news and other information regarding Benefice churches please contact Revd. Scott Patterson via email at scottr.patterson@btinternet.com, or by phone 01458 251375

June Planned Services

Sunday 6th.	10.00am. All Age Family Service followed immediately by 10.45am. Said Communion Service (CW) 6.00pm. A Service of Evening Worship	Fivehead Fivehead Curry Rivel
Thursday 10th. Sunday 13th.	10.00am. BCP Communion in St. Andrew's Church 9.30am. BCP Prayer Book Communion Service 11.00am. Parish Communion Service (CW) 6.00pm. A Service of Evening Worship	Curry Rivel Swell Curry Rivel Fivehead
Sunday 20th.	9.30am. Morning Prayer (CW) 11.00am. All Age Family Service followed immediately by 11.45am. Said Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead Fivehead Curry Rivel Curry Rivel
Thursday 24th. Sunday 27th.	10.00am. BCP Communion in St Andrew's Church 9.30am. Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am. Morning Worship 6.00pm. BCP Prayer Book Evensong (TBC)	Curry Rivel Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell

July Planned Services

Sunday 4th.	10.00am. All Age Family Service followed immediately by 10.45am. Said Communion Service 6.00pm. A Service of Evening Prayer (CW)	Fivehead Fivehead Curry Rivel
Thursday 8th. Sunday 11th.	10.00am. BCP Communion in St Andrew's Church 9.30am. BCP Prayer Book Communion Service 11.00am. Parish Communion Service (CW) 6.00pm. A Service of Evening Prayer (CW)	Curry Rivel Swell Curry Rivel Fivehead
Sunday 18th.	9.30am. Morning Worship 11.00am. All Age Family Service followed immediately by 11.45am. Said Communion Service (CW)	Fivehead Curry Rivel Curry Rivel
Thursday 22nd. Sunday 25th.	10.00am. BCP Communion in St Andrew's Church 9.30am. Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am. Morning Worship 6.00pm. BCP Prayer Book Evensong (TBC)	Curry Rivel Fivehead Curry Rivel Swell

BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship, UB = United Benefice

From the Past

Memories of a childhood

With the arrival in our Devon parish of one of your long-standing residents, I was prompted to recall the years I spent in Fivehead.

Most of you are aware of Red Post House but my time was spent there in Aethelmar School. I started in 1954 aged 9, and left some four years later, having sat and passed my 13+ to return to Devon and our local grammar school.

The school was run by John Elmer assisted by Miss Long. I don't recall when it was established, possibly before the war? We were a mix of boarders and day boys with some 16 or 18 as the full complement; many of the boarders were from service families, whose parents were serving abroad. John Elmer was confined to a wheelchair but had a brilliant mind and all credit to him maintained a strong sense of order and discipline, he was assisted morning and evening by a gentleman from the village, the name Burge comes to mind.

The school had been given permission to run a scout troop, but due to "Skip" Elmer's disability we were "Pioneers" but with most of the scouting challenges and self-reliance thrown in! Imagine a group of sub-teens playing "wide games" after dark and unsupervised in Swell Woods, I don't recall anybody getting too lost!

Lessons were taught in one room, and maybe I was not paying attention, but I recall very little of what I must have been taught, vague memories of bad French verse and rudimentary Latin which did not stack up upon returning to mainstream education.

Abiding memories of silly things: the discipline controlled by a system of merits and demerits, and the corporal punishments that ensued if you accumulated too many demerits throughout a term - this was the 1950s don't forget!

As I had a certain practical ability I was delegated to fix things electrical even at 10 years old. I was also put in charge of maintaining the batteries on Skip's electric buggy, a strange three wheeled contraption that ground its way down to the river in Isle Brewers for school swimming lessons. It was so heavy it was something of a relief when it made its way home again, the hill up from the village being a particular challenge.

Skip was an amateur radio enthusiast as was my father hence their association, and every week they talked over their transmitters. Skip's callsign was G2GD my father's G5FJ, both of course skilled in the morse code, a pre-requisite to getting your "Ham" licence. The equipment Skip used was housed in a tall wooden crate, about the size of an upright fridge. It featured several large valves, as in glowing filaments and strange metalwork inside glass globes, the lower level given over to large transformers providing the several hundred volts required to produce a signal that might travel 30 miles with the wind behind it.

The whole school dutifully attended church every week except on Remembrance Sunday when we stayed by the radio listening to the Cenotaph service. I recall Skip introducing all the traditional tunes that always accompanied the service. Miss Long taught art, craft and music which gives rise to another abiding memory of the smell of poster paint brought on by the sound of a less than gifted student murdering a violin. The weekends were for bike rides and visiting the Levels.

I have no knowledge how or when the school closed or when Skip Elmer passed away, my guess is he is to be found in the Fivehead churchyard.

I know of at least one Fivehead resident who, God-willing, is reading this and maybe agreeing with at least some of it, although near 70 years can play tricks with one's memories!

Roger Jackson

CURRY RIVEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND



PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

'Caring, Curious & Confident'

Hello everyone

It has been difficult to know what time of year it is when we have had such cold wet days. I commend the children managing with 'wet playtimes' when they have had to stay in.

As head teacher I am often conducting 'learning walks' to assess the quality of teaching and learning across the school, and the SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and I have been conducting more formal lesson observations - we have been impressed by the children's 'behaviour for learning' in all classes. The lessons we have seen are representative of the broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum we are teaching here at Curry Rivel, exposing the children to high level vocabulary, building on prior learning and ensuring the children are gaining new knowledge and practising new skills. In Pippin, I was impressed with Pippin pupils' use of 'ten frames', Deines equipment and number lines to start adding numbers; Maigold demonstrated great tennis skills, learning how to hold a racket and how to hit a ball with accuracy; Gala have been writing their own creative version of the Owl and Pussy cat; Discovery were making predictions about their new text 'The Great Kapok Tree', English work linked to their learning about the Amazon rainforest; Camelot pupils were learning how to compose a piece of music using the 'Garageband' App (Chords, major and minor notes included!) and Blenheim were learning the complexities of rounders rules and how to avoid running your teammates out in a game! All lessons aim to develop 'sticky knowledge' so that children not only 'know more' but 'remember more'. Of course, we have areas to work on, and I am impressed that the staff here are so committed to their own professional development and improvement.

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School we nurture our children to become 'Caring, Curious and Confident' young people. We have chosen a tree with its leaves and fruit to symbolise our school vision and values. The tree represents the school, rooted to the village community and local area. The leaves, our 'Caring, Curious and Confident' children, and the fruit, our school's core Christian values. It is only by working together with our families will our children thrive and grow, so we were very thankful for virtual parents' evenings...despite the technical hitches!

It has been wonderful to see the Year 6 pupils completing their 'Bikeability' lessons this week (A real sense of some normality). We are also looking forward to some more usual summer events like country dancing at the village fete (pencil it in for the 17th July), and sports' day (with or without an audience?)

We had a great Pjamarama day wearing our pyjamas and sharing our favourite literature, stories and books. A 'random reading raffle' meant many children 'won' books to take home and keep. It has also been pleasing to see the librarians in action, with all our older classes borrowing books over the week from our lending library

Somerset Day was on Tuesday 11th May and the children had a session in their classes and in assembly to learn about our amazing county. The PTA are still busy, despite the barriers and the PTA Silly Spoons competition raised an amazing £97.50.

You would think we were a bit quieter in school right now, but as you can see, school life continues. If you would like to find out more about our warm and welcoming school, nursery and baby room, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Mrs Ali Pook

Head Teacher





The new minister: Rev. Matthew Cottington.

During recent weeks people have begun meeting together again over a drink or a meal. The past year has made us realise just how much we value those times of sharing food with friends and family. Since the beginning of human history people have joined together in this way; not just as an everyday necessity, but also to focus on special times of deeper significance. Gathering together to eat and drink is often about more than just filling our stomachs.

Human spirituality has also long recognised the importance of sharing food together as we contemplate the bigger questions of life in our communities. All the world's major religions have occasions where shared meals speak of important things about ourselves, the world around us, and even God.

Christianity has its own meal at the heart of its worship. For centuries people have gathered at Christ's "table" to share a simple meal of bread and wine in remembrance of him. This Christian meal speaks of Jesus and how he gave himself to us in order to bring us fullness of life. "This bread is my flesh" he said "which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:51). As we contemplate Christ giving himself for us the bread and wine also then speak of who we're called to be as we live in the light of God's love. Will we become what we eat in the Communion meal? Will we live our lives for the good of others, not just for the good of ourselves?

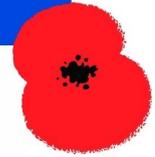
As we enjoy the produce of the earth, as we marvel at the skill of farmers, producers, culinary creators, and chefs, and as we enjoy those special moments when food becomes more than just food, let's remember that it has always had deeper significance than merely filling our stomachs. And as we enjoy the particular blessing of sharing food and drink together may it remind us of how we need one another and how life can truly flourish when we come together to share the blessings God gives.

Jesus said: "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever eats this bread will never go hungry."

Rev. Matthew Cottington

Fivehead Baptist Church meets for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30am, as well as various other activities during the week (see our website for details). These times together as a church are intended to help and inspire us so that we experience God's goodness in our lives and so that we bring blessing to those around us in the community. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Royal British Legion



Curry Rivel, Drayton & Fivehead Branch

The local Branch of the Royal British Legion celebrated the Legion's 100th Anniversary with a short wreath laying ceremony at 9am on Saturday 15th May 2021. The wreath was laid by the longest serving member and Branch President, General Sir John Learmont.

Our local Branch pre-dates the RBL, having been founded in 1918 and was instrumental in setting up the Legion as we know it today.



The Branch Chairman, Mick Brett said, 'We are looking forward to restarting our fundraising events and activities as soon as we can, and hopefully welcoming new members to the Branch. We are a friendly group of ex-service men and women, and those who want to support our veterans'.

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Fivehead Drama Group

Assuming that the road map goes to plan we would hope to restart our monthly get togethers on the last **Tuesday in June 28th**; as we have no pub to meet in we will meet at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

All are welcome and any newcomers who would like to be involved in any aspect of the group just come along and I am sure we will find you a part or a job!

We will be looking to get back into our normal routine and will be thinking about what will be our Pantomime for **January 2022**.

As we missed our social get together to see the film of our last production it is envisaged that we can make that a future date before we start rehearsals.

Looking forward to renewing old friendships.

Harry Price

News from the Stable

It has been great to see people visiting The Stable cafe since we re-opened on Thursdays and Fridays. We hope to extend this to Wednesday PM and Saturday AM soon, but more volunteers would be a great help.

During April people were still required to sit outside and thankfully the weather was kind. We are pleased that we can also now open the indoor space for those who prefer to sit inside. Come and enjoy our range of food, drinks, and local products.

Youth Cafe on Thursday evenings has also restarted, and a good number of youngsters have been in for reduced price drinks, cake, and sweets. Remember also that we host the mobile Post Office every Thursday afternoon.

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Food & Drink

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Ingredients

4 Small Whole Trout, cleaned & scaled	300g Button Mushrooms thinly sliced
35g Plain Flour	200ml Dry White Wine
80g Butter	2 Cloves of Garlic crushed
60ml Olive Oil	125ml Double Cream
Flaked Salt	¼ Cup chopped fresh Parsley
Freshly ground Black Pepper	

Method

Pat fish dry with kitchen towel. Dust lightly with the flour, shaking off the excess.

Preheat the oven to 150°C (To keep fish warm whilst preparing sauce)

Heat half the butter and the oil in a large frying pan over a medium high heat; pan fry the trout for 6-8 minutes each side and until lightly browned. Season with salt & pepper. Remove fish to a serving plate and keep warm in preheated oven.

Wipe the frying pan clean with kitchen towel. Then heat the remaining butter over a medium high heat and lightly brown the mushrooms cook for 3-4 minutes, season to taste.

Add wine & garlic cook until the wine is almost evaporated. Stir in the cream and cook for 2 - 3 minutes.

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Day/Date/Time		Description	Where
Friday 18th. June	12.30pm	Golf outing	Honiton GC
Tuesday 29th June	7.30pm	Drama Group Get together	Village Hall
Monday 5th July	7.30pm	Short Mat Bowls Resumes	Village Hall
Friday 9th. July	9.30am	Golf Outing	Dainton Park
Friday 23rd. July		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Mondays @ 7.30pm	Weekly	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Tuesdays @ 7.15pm	Weekly	Bellringing	St Martin's
Wednesday @ 4.45pm	Weekly	Dragonflys Dance Group	Village Hall
Usually 1st. Monday 7.30 pm	Monthly	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Crown Fivehead Golf Society

The golf society got the season underway on **Friday 28th. May** with a visit to **Tall Pines GC, Bristol** and now has dates fixed for June, July, August & October at various courses around the area including Devon.

Friday 13th. August is our **Charity Golf Day** to be held at **Long Sutton Golf Club** when we hope to have a bumper day and raise lots of money for our chosen charities which are **British Heart Foundation & Beat SCAD** (Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection awareness, support & research).

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